

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a target plant to confer stress tolerance comprising inoculating said plant or a part of said plant with a culture of *Curvularia* isolate 1A15.1, deposit number NRRL 30910, wherein said stress tolerance is chosen from the group consisting of thermal tolerance and drought tolerance.
2. Canceled
3. Canceled
4. (Original) A method of treating a plant according to claim 1 wherein said plant is a monocot or said plant part is from a monocot.
5. (Original) A method of treating a plant according to claim 4 wherein said monocot is a grass.
6. (Original) A method of treating a plant according to claim 4 wherein said monocot is a wheat.
7. (Original) A method of treating a plant according to claim 1 wherein said plant is a dicot or said plant part is from a dicot.
8. (Original) A method of treating a plant according to claim 7 wherein said dicot is a eudicot.
9. (Original) A method of treating a plant according to claim 1 wherein said plant part is a seed.
10. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a plant according to claim 1 wherein said plant

part is a seedling.

11. Canceled

12. Canceled